

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re U.S. Patent Application**

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**For: APPARATUS FOR MICROINJECTION OF SAMPLE  
INTO AMPHIBIAN OOCYTES**

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**Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
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Washington, D.C. 20231**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows: